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Purpose

To establish a policy and procedure for public hearings and approval of design plans for recreational parkways which are part of the Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan. This policy is intended to enable persons to submit data and information to the Board of Supervisors to enable the Board to review and approve design plans for recreational parkways that are part of the Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan prior to construction of such recreational parkways. This policy statement is directory, not mandatory, and failure to comply with its provisions shall not affect the validity of any action referred to herein.

Background

There are nine corridor classifications shown on the Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan. They are: Expressways, Prime Arterials, Major Roads, Collector Roads, Recreational Parkway, Rural Collectors, Rural Light Collectors, Light Collectors and Rural Mountain Roads. Government Code Sections 65351 and 65355 require that public hearings be held by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors before these corridor classifications and their general locations are approved and adopted or amended as part of the Circulation Element of the General Plan. Approval by the Planning Commission and adoption by the Board of Supervisors of these corridor classifications, including their general locations, as part of the Circulation Element of the General Plan do not constitute approval or adoption of standards and specifications for construction of said corridors. The standards and specifications for construction of the nine types of corridors of the Circulation Element are contained in the documents entitled San Diego County Public Road Standards, on file in the office of Clerk of the Board. Recreational parkways are a unique type of corridor of the Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan in that they generally traverse mountainous and desert areas of the County and are of special environmental significance. Groups interested in environmental protection have expressed concern to the Board of Supervisors regarding standards and specifications for construction of particular recreational parkways. The Planning Commission has recommended, and the Board of Supervisors concurs, that the Board establish a policy and procedure for public hearings for approval by the Board of design plan for each recreational parkway which is part of the Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan prior to construction of such recreational parkway.

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It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. The Planning Commission shall submit to the Board its recommendations on the design plans of any such recreational parkway and any significant changes therein prior to the hearing by the Board.
2. The Board of Supervisors shall review and approve the design plans for construction of each recreational parkway and any significant changes therein which is part of the Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan.
3. A public hearing shall be held by the Board of Supervisors before the Board approves the design plans and any significant changes therein for construction of any recreational parkway which is part of the Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan.
4. Construction of any recreational parkway which is part of the Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan shall not be approved by the Director of Public Works or by any other County officer until a hearing has been held and the design plans for such recreational parkway and any significant changes therein have been approved by the Board of Supervisors as provided in this policy.

Procedure

Hearings held by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors for approval of design plans for recreational parkways which are part of the Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 (commencing with Section 65350) of Chapter 3, Title 7 of the Government Code relating to Adoption of General Plans. Notice of the hearings by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors shall be given in the time and manner provided for giving of notice of hearings before approving or adopting a general plan or any part or element thereof as provided in Government Code Section 65351. In addition to the notice requirements provided in Government Code Section 65351, notice of hearings shall be sent to those organizations, groups, or persons who file with the Department of Planning and Land Use a written request with their address for such notice.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-09.

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1. Department of Public Works

2. Department of Planning and Land Use